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**DIRECT TESTIMONY & EXHIBITS**

**OF**

**MATTHEW P. SCHELLINGER, II**

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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR  
FUEL COSTS OF DUKE ENERGY  
CAROLINAS, LLC**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS OF**

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**ON BEHALF OF**

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF**

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**IN RE: ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS OF**

**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC**

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION.**

**A.** My name is Matthew P. Schellinger II. My business address is 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. I am employed by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") in the Utility Rates and Services Division as a Regulatory Analyst.

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.**

**A.** I received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Accounting from the University of South Florida in 2012. I received a Master of Business Administration with a focus in Management and Strategy from Western Governors University in 2016. From 2007 to 2013, I was employed as Controller for an insurance agency. In that capacity, I performed general corporate accounting functions on a daily and monthly basis. In February 2013, I began my employment with ORS as an Auditor. In May 2016, I joined the Utility Rates and Services Division as a Regulatory Analyst. I have previously testified before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission" or "PSC") on natural gas, water and wastewater matters.

**Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

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1     **A.**           The purpose of my testimony is to set forth the ORS's recommendations resulting  
2           from our examination and review of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or  
3           "Company") fuel expenses and power plant operations used in the generation of electricity  
4           to meet the Company's South Carolina retail customer requirements during the review  
5           period. The review period includes the actual data for June 2017 through May 2018  
6           ("Actual Period"), estimated data for June 2018 through September 2018 ("Estimated  
7           Period"), and forecasted data for October 2018 through September 2019 ("Forecasted  
8           Period").

9     **Q.     WHAT DID YOUR REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S FUEL EXPENSES AND**  
10    **PLANT OPERATIONS INVOLVE?**

11    **A.**           ORS examined various fuel and performance related documents as part of our  
12           review. These documents addressed the Company's electric generation and power plant  
13           outage and maintenance activities. In preparation for this proceeding, ORS analyzed the  
14           Company's monthly fuel reports including power plant performance data, unit outages and  
15           generation statistics. ORS examined the Company's contracts for nuclear fuel, coal,  
16           natural gas, fuel oil, transportation, purchased power, and environmental reagents. ORS  
17           also evaluated the Company's policies and procedures for fuel procurement. All  
18           information was reviewed with reference to the Company's existing Adjustment for Fuel,  
19           Variable Environmental, Avoided Capacity, S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-865 (2015) (the "Fuel  
20           Clause Statute"), and the approved South Carolina Distributed Energy Resource Program  
21           ("DERP").

22    **Q.     WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS WERE TAKEN IN ORS'S REVIEW OF THE**  
23    **COMPANY'S PROPOSAL IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

1     **A.**             ORS met with Company personnel from various departments to discuss and review  
2             fossil and nuclear fuel procurement, fuel transportation, environmental compliance costs  
3             and procedures, emission allowances, generation plant performance, distributed energy  
4             resources, forecasting, and general Company policies and procedures pertaining to fuel  
5             procurement. These meetings occurred at DEC's headquarters in Charlotte, NC. In  
6             addition, ORS monitors the nuclear, coal, natural gas, transportation and renewable  
7             industries through industry and governmental publications. In March and April 2018, ORS  
8             attended meetings hosted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") for the  
9             McGuire and Catawba nuclear generation stations in Huntersville, NC, and Rock Hill, SC,  
10            respectively. ORS staff also attended site visits at the Company's WS Lee Station  
11            (combined-cycle natural gas plant) and Bad Creek Hydroelectric Station (pumped storage)  
12            during the Actual Period.

13    **Q.     DID ORS EXAMINE THE COMPANY'S PLANT OPERATIONS FOR THE**  
14    **ACTUAL PERIOD?**

15    **A.**             Yes. ORS reviewed the performance of the Company's generation units to  
16             determine if the Company made reasonable efforts to maximize unit availability and  
17             minimize fuel costs. ORS also reviewed the operating statistics of the Company's power  
18             plants by unit. Exhibit MPS-1 shows, in percentages, the annual availability, capacity, and  
19             forced outage factors of the Company's major generation units during the Actual Period.  
20             This exhibit also includes the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC")  
21             national five-year (2012-2016) averages for availability, capacity, and forced outage  
22             factors for each type of generation plant.

**Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE OUTAGES ARE REPRESENTED ON EXHIBITS MPS-2 THROUGH MPS-4.**

**A.** Exhibits MPS-2 and MPS-3 summarize outages lasting seven (7) or more days for major coal and natural gas units during the Actual Period, respectively. While not all coal and natural gas plant outages were included in these exhibits, ORS reviewed all outages and found them to be reasonable.

Exhibit MPS-4 summarizes all outages at the Company's nuclear plants during the Actual Period. As shown in Exhibit MPS-4, there were seven (7) separate outages involving DEC's nuclear units, including four (4) scheduled refueling outages, and three (3) forced outage during the Actual Period. The three (3) nuclear stations, which house a total of seven (7) units, achieved an overall average availability factor of 95.54% and an average capacity factor of 96.74% for the Actual Period, as shown in Exhibit MPS-1.

**Q. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE COMPANY'S POWER PLANT OPERATIONS FOR THE ACTUAL PERIOD?**

**A.** ORS's review of the Company's operation of its generation facilities during the Actual Period revealed the Company made reasonable efforts to maximize unit availability and minimize fuel costs except in the case of the Oconee Unit 3 forced outage of 29.5 hours occurring between July 24, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE OCONEE UNIT 3 FORCED OUTAGE IN JULY 2017.**

**A.** As part of the typical review of plant outages, ORS requested the company provide numerous reports for all nuclear outages. Included in these was the Apparent Cause Evaluation Report ("ACE Report") regarding the outage at Oconee Unit 3. From the North

Carolina fuel hearing transcript, the North Carolina Public Staff Testimony of Dustin R. Metz made public certain portions of the ACE Report in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1163. The Company indicated that the outage resulted from a lack of training by the Company for transmission personnel working around single point vulnerabilities within the plant.

After review of the ACE Report, review of the North Carolina Public Staff Testimony of Dustin R. Metz (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1163), discussions with NC Public Staff, and discussions with Company personnel, ORS determined that the outage that occurred at Oconee Unit 3 on July 24 through July 25, 2017, resulted in replacement power costs that could have reasonably been avoided. ORS recommends an adjustment to reduce replacement power costs in the amount of \$159,352. This adjustment is reflected in ORS witness Briseno's Adjustment D (Audit Exhibit ADB-5, page 2 of 2) and incorporated into Exhibit MPS-9.

**Q. DID ORS REVIEW THE COMPANY'S GENERATION MIX DURING THE ACTUAL PERIOD?**

**A.** Yes. Exhibit MPS-5 shows the generation mix for the Actual Period by percentage and generation type. As shown in this exhibit, the nuclear, coal, and natural gas plants contributed an average of 55.42%, 23.02% and 11.43%, respectively, of the Company's generation throughout the Actual Period. This equates to approximately 89.87% of the Company's generation for the Actual Period. The remainder of the generation was met through a mix of hydroelectric, renewables, purchased power, and Joint Dispatch Agreement ("JDA") purchases.

**Q. DID ORS EXAMINE THE COMPANY'S FUEL COSTS ON A PLANT-BY-PLANT BASIS FOR THE ACTUAL PERIOD?**

1     **A.**             Yes. Exhibit MPS-6 shows the average fuel costs for the major generation plants  
2             on the Company's system for the Actual Period and the megawatt-hours ("MWh")  
3             produced by those plants. The chart shows the lowest average fuel cost of 0.639  
4             cents/kilowatt-hour ("kWh") at McGuire Nuclear Station and the highest average fuel cost  
5             of 3.110 cents/kWh at Cliffside Steam Station. The Company utilizes economic dispatch  
6             which generally requires that the lower cost units be dispatched first.

7     **Q.     DID ORS REVIEW THE COMPANY'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**  
8     **RELATED COSTS?**

9     **A.**             Yes. ORS reviewed the Company's environmental compliance related costs  
10            including allowances for nitrogen oxide ("NO<sub>x</sub>") and sulfur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>") emissions,  
11            reagents (i.e., limestone, ammonia, urea, etc.), and chemicals used in the reduction of these  
12            emissions. The use of these chemicals and reagents reduces the Company's NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>  
13            emissions, and the costs associated with the use of these substances are included in the  
14            Company's Adjustment for Fuel, Variable Environmental, Avoided Capacity, and  
15            Distributed Energy Resource Program Costs tariff as provided by the Fuel Clause Statute.

16    **Q.     HAS ORS REVIEWED THE ACCURACY OF THE COMPANY'S FORECAST?**

17    **A.**             Yes. As shown in Exhibit MPS-7, the Company's actual MWh sales were 1.16%  
18            lower than expected during the Actual Period. Exhibit MPS-8 shows that, on average, the  
19            actual fuel costs for the Actual Period were 15.85% higher than the projected monthly fuel  
20            costs.

21    **Q.     HAS ORS DETERMINED THE PRIMARY DRIVERS OF THE COMPANY'S**  
22    **REQUEST FOR A RATE CHANGE IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

1     **A.**             Yes. Exhibit MPS-9 shows ending period balances of base fuel, environmental,  
2             avoided capacity, and DERP avoided costs beginning in May 2009. As of May 2018, the  
3             Company, as adjusted by ORS and reflected on ORS witness Briseno's Exhibit ADB-5,  
4             has a base fuel cumulative under-recovery balance of \$64,403,063, a variable  
5             environmental over-recovery balance of \$1,461,868, avoided capacity over-recovery  
6             balance of \$910,631, and DERP avoided costs over-recovery balance of \$24,301.

7             As shown on ORS witness Briseno's Exhibit ADB-5, page 2 of 2, ORS projects the  
8             Company to have a base fuel cumulative under-recovery balance of \$75,453,306, a variable  
9             environmental over-recovery balance of \$1,425,966, an avoided capacity over-recovery  
10            balance of \$396,890, and DERP avoided costs under-recovery balance of \$19,458 by  
11            September 2018.

12            The Company's request for an increase is driven primarily by an under-collection  
13            of fuel costs from the Actual Period and an increase in projected fuel costs during the  
14            Forecast Period. In addition, there is an increase in DERP incremental costs included in the  
15            proposed DERP per account charges as compared to existing rates.

16     **Q.       WHAT CHANGES DOES THE COMPANY REQUEST TO ITS CURRENTLY**  
17     **APPROVED FACTORS?**

18     **A.**             DEC requests that the Commission approve an increase in its currently approved  
19             Base Fuel Component ("Base Fuel Component") for the Forecasted Period. Additionally,  
20             the Company has requested to update its Variable Environmental Component  
21             ("Environmental Component"), Avoided Capacity Cost Component ("Avoided Capacity  
22             Component"), and DERP Avoided Cost Component ("DERP Avoided Cost Component")



to reflect the Company's forecasted expenses and allocation of these expenses to each class of customer based on its contribution to the Company's 2017 firm summer peak.

**Q. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN THIS DOCKET THAT WILL IMPACT CUSTOMERS' BILLS?**

**A.** Yes. The Company has included proposed rates related to its DERP incremental expenses. ORS witness Johnson specifically addresses the Company's incremental expenses to be recovered as a fixed charge ("DERP Charge") on customers' bills and the Company's DERP avoided costs.

**Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT MPS-10.**

**A.** Exhibit MPS-10 reflects ORS's calculation of the Base Fuel Component for the billing period of October 2018 through September 2019, with all ORS adjustments incorporated.

**Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT MPS-11.**

**A.** Exhibit MPS-11 provides a comparison of the ORS proposed fuel factors to the Company's proposed Base Fuel Component, Environmental Component, Avoided Capacity Component, and DERP Avoided Cost Component.

**Q. WHAT IMPACT WILL THE PROPOSED FUEL FACTORS AS ADJUSTED BY ORS HAVE ON A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S BILL?**

**A.** If approved by the Commission, the ORS proposed rates, including the DERP Charge, would increase the average residential monthly bill using 1,000 kWh on Rate RS from \$113.86 to approximately \$118.59. This equates to an increase of \$4.73 or 4.15%.

**Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

**A.** Yes, it does.

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Power Plant Performance Data**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
*Docket No. 2018-3-E*

EXHIBIT MPS-1

| Coal Plants                                  | Unit | MW Rating    | Actual Period Data              |                             |                                  |
|--|------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  |      |              | Average Availability Factor (%) | Average Capacity Factor (%) | Average Forced Outage Factor (%) |
| Belews Creek                                 | 1    | 1,110        | 71.66                           | 39.23                       | 2.15                             |
| Belews Creek                                 | 2    | 1,110        | 89.37                           | 53.27                       | 1.74                             |
| Cliffside                                    | 5    | 544          | 66.04                           | 18.32                       | 1.43                             |
| Cliffside                                    | 6    | 844          | 84.26                           | 65.63                       | 6.05                             |
| Marshall                                     | 1    | 370          | 70.26                           | 27.20                       | 0.74                             |
| Marshall                                     | 2    | 370          | 91.39                           | 35.25                       | 0.00                             |
| Marshall                                     | 3    | 658          | 89.70                           | 62.27                       | 3.44                             |
| Marshall                                     | 4    | 660          | 87.15                           | 67.57                       | 1.47                             |
| <b>Coal Totals</b>                           |      | <b>5,666</b> | <b>81.53</b>                    | <b>48.75</b>                | <b>2.41</b>                      |
| <i>NERC 5-year average (All Coal Plants)</i> |      |              | <i>84.76</i>                    | <i>56.46</i>                | <i>4.67</i>                      |

| CC Plants <sup>1</sup>                 | Unit | MW Rating    | Average Availability Factor (%) | Average Capacity Factor (%) | Average Forced Outage Factor (%) |
|--|------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  |      |              | Average Availability Factor (%) | Average Capacity Factor (%) | Average Forced Outage Factor (%) |
| Buck                                   | 10   | 668          | 97.29                           | 83.10                       | 0.04                             |
| Dan River                              | 7    | 662          | 94.67                           | 81.51                       | 0.08                             |
| WS Lee                                 | 10   | 753          | 59.90                           | 38.91                       | 6.21                             |
| <b>CC Totals<sup>2</sup></b>           |      | <b>2,083</b> | <b>92.90</b>                    | <b>78.64</b>                | <b>0.58</b>                      |
| <i>NERC 5-year average (CC Plants)</i> |      |              | <i>87.68</i>                    | <i>53.04</i>                | <i>2.62</i>                      |

| Nuclear Plants                                  | Unit | MW Rating    | Average Availability Factor (%) | Average Capacity Factor (%) | Average Forced Outage Factor (%) |
|---|------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   |      |              | Average Availability Factor (%) | Average Capacity Factor (%) | Average Forced Outage Factor (%) |
| Catawba   | 1    | 1,160        | 100.00                          | 101.29                      | 0.00                             |
| Catawba   | 2    | 1,150        | 92.28                           | 92.19                       | 0.00                             |
| McGuire   | 1    | 1,158        | 93.22                           | 95.01                       | 0.34                             |
| McGuire   | 2    | 1,158        | 100.00                          | 102.13                      | 0.00                             |
| Oconee  | 1    | 847          | 99.56                           | 100.75                      | 0.44                             |
| Oconee  | 2    | 848          | 91.83                           | 92.57                       | 0.00                             |
| Oconee  | 3    | 859          | 91.92                           | 91.91                       | 0.34                             |
| <b>Nuclear Totals</b>                           |      | <b>7,180</b> | <b>95.54</b>                    | <b>96.74</b>                | <b>0.16</b>                      |
| <i>NERC 5-year average (All Nuclear Plants)</i> |      |              | <i>90.28</i>                    | <i>89.13</i>                | <i>2.73</i>                      |

<sup>1</sup> CC designates Combined-Cycle units.

<sup>2</sup> CC Totals are weighted based on time as WS Lee was commissioned during the Actual Period.

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Coal Unit Outages - 7 Days or Greater Duration**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
*Docket No. 2018-3-E*

**EXHIBIT MPS-2**

| Unit                  | Date Offline | Date Online | Hours   | Outage Type      | Explanation of Outage                                 |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------------|---|
| <b>Belews Creek 1</b> | 9/13/17      | 12/14/17    | 2,201.0 | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Belews Creek 2</b> | 10/18/17     | 11/13/17    | 636.6   | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Cliffside 5</b>    | 9/14/17      | 10/27/17    | 1,046.0 | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Cliffside 5</b>    | 3/17/18      | 5/20/18     | 1,512.0 | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Spring outage.       |
| <b>Cliffside 5</b>    | 5/20/18      | 5/23/18     | 85.7    | Outage Extension | Scheduled outage extended due to emergent issues.     |
| <b>Cliffside 6</b>    | 10/24/17     | 10/31/17    | 175.0   | Forced           | Generator field ground alarm during tornado.          |
| <b>Cliffside 6</b>    | 10/31/17     | 11/21/17    | 498.0   | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Cliffside 6</b>    | 11/21/17     | 11/23/17    | 59.0    | Outage Extension | Scheduled outage extended due to emergent issues.     |
| <b>Cliffside 6</b>    | 12/1/17      | 12/9/17     | 175.8   | Forced           | AVR cooling failure.                                  |
| <b>Marshall 1</b>     | 9/16/17      | 12/19/17    | 2,266.6 | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Marshall 2</b>     | 9/30/17      | 10/19/17    | 468.7   | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.         |
| <b>Marshall 3</b>     | 3/2/18       | 3/17/18     | 359.8   | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Spring outage.       |
| <b>Marshall 4</b>     | 9/6/17       | 9/15/17     | 205.6   | Maintenance      | Unit taken offline for APH wash.                      |
| <b>Marshall 4</b>     | 11/25/17     | 12/4/17     | 228.2   | Maintenance      | Unit taken offline for stop valve cap gasket repairs. |
| <b>Marshall 4</b>     | 4/14/18      | 4/29/18     | 372.3   | Planned          | Unit taken offline for a planned Spring outage.       |

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Natural Gas Unit Outages - 7 Days or Greater Duration**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
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**EXHIBIT MPS-3**

| Unit      | Date Offline | Date Online | Hours | Outage Type | Explanation of Outage                           |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------------|---|
| Buck      | 3/9/18       | 3/17/18     | 189.2 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a planned Spring outage. |
| Dan River | 10/5/17      | 10/15/17    | 224.5 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a planned Fall outage.   |
| Dan River | 3/30/18      | 4/11/18     | 274.9 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a planned Spring outage. |
| WS Lee    | 4/13/18      | 5/4/18      | 503.0 | Planned     | Commissioning outage.                           |

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Nuclear Unit Outages**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
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**EXHIBIT MPS-4**

| Unit      | Date Offline | Date Online | Hours | Outage Type | Explanation of Outage  |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------------|--|
| Catawba 2 | 3/17/18      | 4/14/18     | 670.1 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.             |
| Catawba 2 | 4/14/18      | 4/14/18     | 6.2   | Planned     | Turbine overspeed trip test.                                     |
| McGuire 1 | 9/23/17      | 10/16/17    | 564.0 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.             |
| McGuire 1 | 2/16/18      | 2/17/18     | 30.2  | Forced      | Reactor trip during solid state protection system testing.       |
| Oconee 1  | 4/13/18      | 4/14/18     | 38.9  | Forced      | Repair electrical connector on control rod drive control system. |
| Oconee 2  | 10/27/17     | 11/26/17    | 715.6 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.             |
| Oconee 3  | 7/24/17      | 7/25/17     | 29.5  | Forced      | Relay testing resulting in a turbine/reactor trip.               |
| Oconee 3  | 4/20/18      | 5/19/18     | 677.9 | Planned     | Unit taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.             |

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Generation Mix (Percentage)**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
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**EXHIBIT MPS-5**

|                 | 2017  |       |       |       |       |       |       | 2018  |       |       |       |       | Average |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                 | June  | July  | Aug   | Sept  | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   |         |
| Nuclear         | 55.38 | 52.37 | 57.90 | 58.08 | 61.22 | 58.33 | 58.08 | 50.45 | 61.22 | 56.24 | 58.33 | 54.13 | 55.42   |
| Coal            | 27.38 | 29.53 | 19.21 | 20.33 | 11.96 | 15.93 | 20.33 | 30.96 | 11.96 | 21.78 | 15.93 | 22.63 | 23.02   |
| Natural Gas     | 9.45  | 9.53  | 11.37 | 10.01 | 11.08 | 16.32 | 10.01 | 9.91  | 11.08 | 13.40 | 16.32 | 14.20 | 11.43   |
| Hydroelectric   | 0.65  | 0.06  | 0.74  | -0.19 | 3.23  | 2.78  | -0.19 | 0.92  | 3.23  | 1.89  | 2.78  | 3.23  | 1.20    |
| Solar           | 0.16  | 0.14  | 0.15  | 0.09  | 0.10  | 0.17  | 0.09  | 0.09  | 0.10  | 0.13  | 0.17  | 0.14  | 0.13    |
| Wind            | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Biomass         | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Purchased Power | 3.64  | 4.04  | 4.07  | 4.91  | 4.99  | 3.27  | 4.91  | 4.26  | 4.99  | 3.82  | 3.27  | 3.40  | 4.03    |
| JDA Purchases   | 3.34  | 4.31  | 6.56  | 6.77  | 7.41  | 3.19  | 6.77  | 3.42  | 7.41  | 2.73  | 3.19  | 2.25  | 4.76    |

*Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.*

**Office of Regulatory Staff**  
**Generation Statistics for Major Plants**  
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
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**EXHIBIT MPS-6**

| <b>Plant</b>        | <b>Fuel Type</b> | <b>Average Fuel Cost<br/>(¢/kWh) <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Generation<br/>(MWh)</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>McGuire</b>      | Nuclear          | 0.639   | 19,998,014                  |
| <b>Oconee</b>       | Nuclear          | 0.652   | 21,267,673                  |
| <b>Catawba</b>      | Nuclear          | 0.666   | 19,579,894                  |
| <b>WS Lee CC</b>    | Natural Gas      | 2.719   | 516,859                     |
| <b>Marshall</b>     | Coal             | 2.899   | 9,575,269                   |
| <b>Buck CC</b>      | Natural Gas      | 2.907   | 5,156,450                   |
| <b>Belews Creek</b> | Coal             | 2.951   | 8,994,451                   |
| <b>Dan River CC</b> | Natural Gas      | 2.995   | 5,076,230                   |
| <b>Cliffside</b>    | Coal             | 3.110   | 5,737,996                   |

<sup>1</sup> *Includes Base Fuel and Environmental Costs.*

# Office of Regulatory Staff

EXHIBIT MPS-7

## Comparison of South Carolina Estimated to Actual Energy Sales

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Docket No. 2018-3-E

|     |                                  | 2017      |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2018      |           |           |           |           |                 |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
|     |                                  | June      | July      | Aug       | Sept      | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May       | Period<br>Total |
| [1] | Actual<br>Sales<br>(MWh)         | 1,844,466 | 2,008,555 | 2,049,944 | 1,912,103 | 1,670,777 | 1,610,771 | 1,696,098 | 2,011,739 | 1,799,536 | 1,532,198 | 1,593,259 | 1,649,722 | 21,379,168      |
| [2] | Estimated<br>Sales<br>(MWh)      | 1,836,874 | 1,983,220 | 2,074,220 | 1,957,876 | 1,643,778 | 1,614,884 | 1,741,451 | 1,892,915 | 1,865,385 | 1,718,125 | 1,674,255 | 1,626,980 | 21,629,963      |
| [3] | Difference<br>[1]-[2]            | 7,592     | 25,335    | -24,276   | -45,773   | 26,999    | -4,113    | -45,353   | 118,824   | -65,849   | -185,927  | -80,996   | 22,742    | -250,795        |
| [4] | Percent<br>Difference<br>[3]/[2] | 0.41%     | 1.28%     | -1.17%    | -2.34%    | 1.64%     | -0.25%    | -2.60%    | 6.28%     | -3.53%    | -10.82%   | -4.84%    | 1.40%     | -1.16%          |



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**Comparison of South Carolina Estimated to Actual Fuel Cost**  
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|     |                                   | 2017   |        |        |        |        |        |        | 2018   |        |        |        |        |                |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
|     |                                   | June   | July   | Aug    | Sept   | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Period Average |
| [1] | Actual Experience<br>(¢/kWh)      | 1.9024 | 2.1340 | 1.9481 | 1.6525 | 1.7731 | 1.8588 | 1.9816 | 3.0136 | 1.4015 | 1.9267 | 1.4880 | 1.9564 | 1.9197         |
| [2] | Original Projection<br>(¢/kWh)    | 1.7549 | 1.8474 | 1.7366 | 1.5342 | 1.4890 | 1.6368 | 1.6502 | 1.8005 | 1.5498 | 1.6321 | 1.5806 | 1.6723 | 1.6570         |
| [3] | Amount in Base<br>(¢/kWh)         | 1.5877 | 1.5877 | 1.5877 | 1.5877 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.7270 | 1.6806         |
| [4] | Variance from Actual<br>[1-2]/[2] | 8.40%  | 15.51% | 12.18% | 7.71%  | 19.08% | 13.56% | 20.09% | 67.38% | -9.57% | 18.05% | -5.85% | 16.99% | 15.85%         |

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**History of Cumulative Recovery Accounts**  
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| Period Ending | Base Fuel (Over)/Under | Environmental (Over)/Under | Avoided Capacity (Over)/Under | DERP Avoided Costs (Over)/Under |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| May-09        | \$ (44,315,294)        | \$ (3,514,786)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-10        | \$ (53,785,597)        | \$ (3,242,609)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-11        | \$ 528,767             | \$ (3,595,468)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-12        | \$ (41,792,888)        | \$ (7,198,018)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-13        | \$ (25,476,878)        | \$ (6,084,377)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-14        | \$ 35,958,217          | \$ (1,788,254)             | N/A                           | N/A                             |
| May-15        | \$ 30,787,463          | \$ (1,634,322)             | \$ 1,048,969                  | N/A                             |
| May-16        | \$ (35,017,408)        | \$ (4,759,509)             | \$ 1,875,605                  | \$ (263,642)                    |
| May-17        | \$ 7,670,353           | \$ (2,985,690)             | \$ 792,575                    | \$ (235,096)                    |
| May-18        | \$ 64,403,063          | \$ (1,461,868)             | \$ (910,631)                  | \$ (24,301)                     |

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**Calculation of Base Fuel Component**  
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| <b>Projected Fuel Expense:<br/>October 2018 through September 2019</b>                 |               |
|--|---------------|
| Cost of Fuel   | \$384,278,514 |
| Projected S.C. Retail Sales (MWh)  | 21,676,037    |
| Average Cost (¢/kWh)   | 1.7728        |
| <b>Revenue Difference To be Collected from<br/>October 2018 through September 2019</b> |               |
| (Over)/Under-Recovery at September 30, 2018  | \$ 75,453,306 |
| Projected S.C. Retail Sales (MWh)  | 21,676,037    |
| Average Cost (¢/kWh)   | 0.3481        |
| <b>Base Fuel Cost per kWh:<br/>Projected Period</b>                                    |               |
| Average Fuel Cost (¢/kWh)  | 1.7728        |
| Revenue Difference (¢/kWh)   | 0.3481        |
| <b>Base Fuel Component (¢/kWh)</b>   | <b>2.1209</b> |

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Proposed Fuel Factors  
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| Customer Class             | DEC Proposed Fuel Factors<br>(¢/kWh) |                            |                               |                                |                      | ORS Proposed Fuel Factors<br>(¢/kWh) |                            |                                  |                                |                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|                            | Base Fuel<br>Component               | Environmental<br>Component | Avoided Capacity<br>Component | DERP Avoided<br>Cost Component | Total Fuel<br>Factor | Base Fuel<br>Component               | Environmental<br>Component | Avoided<br>Capacity<br>Component | DERP Avoided<br>Cost Component | Total Fuel<br>Factor |
| Residential                | 2.1216                               | 0.0166                     | 0.1274                        | 0.0006                         | 2.2662               | 2.1209                               | 0.0166                     | 0.1274                           | 0.0006                         | 2.2655               |
| General Service / Lighting | 2.1216                               | 0.0193                     | 0.1158                        | 0.0005                         | 2.2572               | 2.1209                               | 0.0193                     | 0.1158                           | 0.0005                         | 2.2565               |
| Industrial                 | 2.1216                               | 0.0168                     | 0.0901                        | 0.0004                         | 2.2289               | 2.1209                               | 0.0168                     | 0.0901                           | 0.0004                         | 2.2282               |